

PARAGONIMUS KELLICOTTI WARD, 1908, IN FERAL OHIO MINK¹

Two previous surveys have been reported (Gesinski *et al.*, 1964; Beckett and Gallicchio, 1966) on the occurrence of the lung fluke, *Paragonimus kellicotti* Ward, 1908, in feral Ohio mink (*Mustela vison* Schreiber, 1777). This report is a continuation of those studies.

The lungs of 45 mink from 20 Ohio counties were obtained from fur dealers during the 1968 trapping season. Of these, 17 were counties not included in the two previous surveys (Allen, Brown, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Greene, Hancock, Holmes, Jackson, Logan, Marion, Miami, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Warren). Eight (17.77%) of the 45 mink were positive for *P. kellicotti* and five of these were from counties not surveyed previously (Allen, Champaign, Greene, Marion, Union). One infected mink was obtained from Morrow County; infected animals had not been obtained from this county during the 1962 trapping season. To date, 15 of the 31 counties surveyed have yielded infected mink.—VINCENT GALLICCHIO and PAUL LEACH, *Department of Biological Sciences, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44240*.

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